

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

**[0052]** A system and method for collecting and testing data at a patient point of care location via a first device, such as a sample cartridge adapted to engage a first device, such as a personal digital assistant (PDA) incorporating a wireless communication module to communicate collected data to a second device, such as a healthcare workers personal PDA located beyond a contamination radius about a patient. Each device can further include a registration device, such as a bar code reader, to collect additional information at a point of care and tag data, or data analysis information, with an associated patient code.